

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM # 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014
8:00AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Chairman

Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman

Donald Williams, Secretary

Russell Chin, DDS

Caroline Danish, DDS

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD

Martin Elson, DDS

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA

Eric George, DMD

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Martin Nager, DMD

Susan Perlini, RDH, BS

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Maryellen Simas, RDH

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD

Robert O'Donnell, MS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Bartro, DDS, - RIDA

Marie Jones – Bridges - RIDHA

Pam Coletti - RIDAA

Christy Durant - RIDA, RIOMS

Patrick Quinlan, JD - RIDA

Madeline Veith - Providence College

1. Establishment of a Quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:00AM on a motion by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD. The Board voted unanimously to open. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Patrick Quinlan, JD, RIDA, and Christy Durant - RIDA, RIOMS spoke in regards to proposed revisions to Schedule Drugs Regulations, Treatment of Family Members, Pain Management and Treatment vs. Prescribing.

3. Presentation of the November 5, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed, to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry, Dentistry Examining

Committee and Dental Hygienist Examining Committee for November 5, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Chairperson's Report

- Announcements**

- o Dental Hygienist Examining Committee Member Replacement – Chairman**

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, appointed Maryellen Simas, RDH, to replace Maureen Ross, RDH, BS.

- Communications**

- o American Association of Orthodontist letter about “Do it yourself teeth straightening Company” – A discussion was conducted by the Board in regards to the above topic. The Board also discussed a U.S. Supreme Court case which is pending on a related subject matter. Subject will be continued for the January Board meeting.**

5. Old Business

- **Sub Committee Updates**

- o **Amendments to Regulations on Limited Registration 5-31.1-23 (Donald Williams) – No new updates as Board voted on issue in the Board Meeting on November 5, 2014.**

6. New Business

- **Review and Approval of Applicants for:**

Stephen Puerini, DMD, announced to all Board Members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dentist, Dental Anesthesia Permits, and Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits and had met on this date at 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dentist Licensure:

- **Rochelle Akradi (with Nitrous Oxide)**
- **Hershel Ellenbogen**
- **Aaron Ercole (Deep Sedation was not approved – see below)**
- **Brian Goldstein**

Dental Anesthesia Permits:

- **Jacqueline Rossi (Nitrous Oxide)**

Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits:

- **A committee has been formed to do inspections and have begun to work on the requirements to what is needed at each level of Minimum Sedation, Moderate Sedation and Deep/General Sedation in facilities. The Rhode Island Department of Health does not have an Inspector at this time to do an inspection which is required for a licensure/ permit**

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS,

to approve the list of applicants for Dentist Licensure and Dental Anesthesia Permits. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Russell Chin, DDS, announced to all Board members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dental Hygienists Licensure and Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits had met on this date at 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants

and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dental Hygienists Licensure:

- **Eileen Quinn**

Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits

- **Fatima Hasukic (Local Anesthesia)**

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH, to approve the list of applicants for Dental Hygienists Licensure and Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

- **Controlled Substance Regulations - James McDonald, MD and Board had discussion on regulations relating to Schedules II, III, IV, V and prescribing to family members. A motion was made to allow Dentist to prescribe Schedule Drugs to immediate family members in acute treatment situations by Eric George, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.**

- **Prescription Monitoring Program was discussed by James McDonald, MD, and Board as to what it is intended to do and why it should be used by all practitioners. It was reported that Connecticut**

has joined the National Association of Pharmacies. A request has been made for more personnel and funding for the program. Motion was made Don Williams and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, that the Director of Health to fund the program. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

- ADEX Report from November 9, 2014 meeting - Russell Chin, DDS, discussed what had taken place at the ADEX meeting which he had attended. As required, a full time Hygienist and Dental Board Member, Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, name was submitted to be the Hygiene Representative for the caucus and to be the full time clinical hygiene representative for the Dental Hygiene Examination Committee for one (1) year term pending her acceptance.

Discussion by Board members on the replacement for Henry Levin as representative for Rhode Island for the Dental Examination Committee. Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to submit Russell Chin, DDS, as District #9 representative for Rhode Island. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

- Moderate Sedation/Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Office Evaluation Form

Martin Elson, DDS, had discussed what he has done on creating a

new evaluation form which will be used when inspections are to be done in the future and hopes to have it completed by the January Board meeting. Dr. Elson also discussed Sedation and the three (3) Levels of Licensure by ADA-Regulations (Minimum Sedation, Moderate Sedation, and Deep/General Sedation).

7. Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed, to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:15AM. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

8. Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed, at 11:00AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The board reviewed one (1) case which was found to have No Unprofessional Conduct.

10. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD, to adjourn at 10:35AM. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.

Board Manager

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